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SUBJECT: TOGO SUPPORTS JOINT MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN CLAIM ON
SPANISH SAHARA

1. TOGO-PRESSE OF JULY 9 REORTS PRESIDENT EYADEMA GRANTED JOINT AUDIENCE JULY 8 TO MOROCCAN FONMIN DR. AHMED LARAKI AND MAURITANIAN FONMIN HAMDI OULD MOUKNASS. TWO MINISTERS BORE COMMON MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN II AND PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH ON FUTURE OF SPANISH SAHARA. EYADEMA, ACCORDING TO PRESS, ASSURED BOTH ENVOYS OF TOTAL TOGOLESE SUPPORT FOR RAPID LIBERATION OF TERRITORY AND SAID GOT AND TOGOLESE PEOPLE APPEALED TO SPAIN TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY WITH GOM AND GIRM WITH AIM OF "TRANSFERRING TO THEM SOVEREIGN POWERS OVER TERRITORY IN QUESTION."

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TORY IN QUESTION."

2. FOLLOWING AUDIENCE, TWO MINISTERS DISCUSSED MESSAGE FROM THEIR CHIEFS OF STATE. MIN LARAKI SAID "HIS MAJESTY HASSAN II AND PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH WANTED TO INFORM (EYADEMA) OF LATEST SPANISH MANEUVERS AIMED AT IMPEDING PROCEDURE BEGUN BY UNGA, THANKS TO SUPPORT OF AFRICAN GROUP AND JOINT RESPECT OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. I WOULD LIKE HERE TO RENDER HOMAGE AND THANKS TO OUR COLLEAGUE TOGOLESE MINFON AFFAIRS WHO WAS ONE OF FIRST SPEAKERS TO GIVE HIS SUPPORT TO JOINT REQUEST OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA TO SUBMIT SAHARA PROBLEM TO ICJ." LARAKI CLAIMED SAHARA HAS LESS THAN 58,000 POPULATION, WITH MOROCCAN OR MAURITANIAN BROTHERS OR RELATIONS, WHILE SPANISH PRESENCE CONSISTS OF 70,000 MILITARY PLUS TECHNICIANS AND CIVILIANS. REFERENDUM ORGANIZED BY SPAIN WOULD HAVE MEANT VOTING POPULATION OF 20 TO 25 THOUSAND PEOPLE UNDER SURVEILLANCE OF 70,000 SOLDIERS, OR ABOUT THREE FOR EACH VOTER. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN "MASQUERADE...TO PERPETUATE COLONIAL DOMINATION BY CREATING NEW PUPPET STATE WHICH WILL BE NOTHING BUT ANOTHER RHODESIA ON FLANKS OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. IT WOULD HAVE CONSTITUTED THREAT NOT JUST FOR OUR COUNTRIES, BECAUSE IT ENTAILS DISMANTLING AND DISMEMBERING TWO MEMBER STATES OF OAU, BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MENACE FOR ALL AFRICA." THEREFORE, MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA'S LEADERS HAD DECIDED ON COMMON APPROACH, TO SPEED UP LIBERATION OF COUNTRY AND ITS RETROCESSION TO THOSE HAVING RIGHTS TO IT, I.E., MOROCCANS AND MAURITANIANS.

3. FONMIN OULD MOUKNASS CONFIRMED KARAKI'S REMARKS, ADDING, "ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY BETWEEN MOROCCO-MAURITANIA ON ONE HAND AND SPAIN ON OTHER HAND."
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